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FOR: APPARATUS FOR APPLYING AND REMOVING CLOSING MEANS FROM AN  
END PORTION OF A TUBULAR ELEMENT AND THE USE THEREOF IN  
PERITONEAL DIALYSIS

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

February 5, 2010

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2009, consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicant petitions for a three-month extension in the period for response; the required fee of \$555 (small entity) is attached. If any other fee is required to fully consider this response, Applicant authorizes the fee (or any deficiency therein) to be charged to Deposit Account 14-1140 under Order No. 4865-90.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-6.

Claim 1 is amended.

Claims 29-30 were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. They are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to their later prosecution.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.